

BURGLARY PREVENTION CHECKLIST FOR HOMES

This checklist was designed to help you make a security survey of your own home.

The first purpose of a home security inspection is to identify features in your home or daily routines of your family which might make your home an easy target for a burglar.

The security inspection should begin at your front door, include an inspection of all your doors and windows, locks, lights and landscaping. Each question on the checklist which you answer with an "x" or a check mark in the second column indicates a security weakness or hazard which requires your attention.

DOORS

1	Are all outside doors in the house of metal or solid wood construction?	Yes ____ No ____
2	Are door frames strong enough and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?	Yes ____ No ____
3	Are door hinges protected from removal from the outside?	Yes ____ No ____
4	Are there windows in any door or within 40 inches of the locks?	Yes ____ No ____
5	Are all door locks adequate and in good repair?	Yes ____ No ____
6	Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed?	Yes ____ No ____
7	Can the locking mechanism be reached through a mail slot, delivery port or pet entrance at the door?	Yes ____ No ____
8	Is there a screen or storm door with an adequate lock?	Yes ____ No ____
9	Are all entrances lighted with at least a 40 watt light?	Yes ____ No ____
10	Can front entrances be observed from the street or public area?	Yes ____ No ____

11	Does the porch or landscaping offer concealment from view from the street or public area?	Yes ____ No ____
12	If there is a sliding glass door, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of its track?	Yes ____ No ____
13	Is the "charley-bar" or a key operated auxiliary lock used on sliding glass doors?	Yes ____ No ____

ENTRANCES FROM GARAGE AND BASEMENT

14	Are all entrances to the living quarters from a garage or basement of metal or solid wood construction?	Yes ____ No ____
15	Does the door from the garage to the living quarters have locks adequate for exterior entrances?	Yes ____ No ____
16	Does the door from the basement to the living quarters have an adequate lock operated from the living quarters side?	Yes ____ No ____

WINDOWS

17	Do all windows have adequate locks in operating condition?	Yes ____ No ____
18	Do windows have screens or storm windows that lock from the inside?	Yes ____ No ____
19	Do any windows open into areas that may be hazardous or offer special risk to burglary?	Yes ____ No ____
20	Do windows that open into hazardous areas have security screens or grills?	Yes ____ No ____
21	Are exterior areas of windows free from concealing structure or landscaping?	Yes ____ No ____
22	Is the exterior adequately lighted at all window areas?	Yes ____ No ____
23	Are trees and shrubbery kept trimmed back from upper floor windows?	Yes ____ No ____
24	Are ladders kept outside the house where they are not accessible?	Yes ____ No ____

BASEMENT DOORS AND WINDOWS

25	Is there a door from the outside to the basement?	Yes ____ No ____
26	If so, is that door adequately secure for an exterior door?	Yes ____ No ____
27	Is the outside basement entrance lighted by an exterior light of at least 40 watts?	Yes ____ No ____
28	Is the outside basement door concealed from the street or neighbors?	Yes ____ No ____
29	Are all basement windows adequately secured against entrance?	Yes ____ No ____

GARAGE DOORS AND WINDOWS

30	Is the automobile entrance door to the garage equipped with an adequate locking device?	Yes ____ No ____
31	Is the garage door kept closed and locked at all times?	Yes ____ No ____
32	Are the garage windows secured adequately for ground floor windows?	Yes ____ No ____
33	Is the outside utility entrance to the garage as secure as required for any ground floor entrance?	Yes ____ No ____
34	Are tools and ladders kept in the garage?	Yes ____ No ____
35	Are all garage doors lighted on the outside by at least a 40 watt light?	Yes ____ No ____